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The reply filed on 09 July 2001 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The format of the amendment is improper. The version of the claims that is to be entered is not necessarily a "clean" copy of the claims. It is noted with particularity that at line 10 of claim 31 there appears bracketing which also appears in the "version with markings" of same. The amendment is not accompanied with statements as to where support for the newly added language is to be found. See 37 CFR 1.121(b)(2)(iii). It is also noted that none of the amended claims contain the parenthetical expression, e.g., (New), (Amended), (Twice Amended), (Thrice amended), etc. See MPEP 608.01(m). Applicant is requested to resubmit the amendment in the proper format. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bradley L. Sisson whose telephone number is (703) 308-3978. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from between the hours of 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, W. Gary Jones, can be reached on (703) 308-1152. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 305-7230.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1234.

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